

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 9, 2007 Department of Health Professions Richmond, Virginia

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order 9:18 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Bell, M.D., M.D.
Gopinath Jadhav, M.D.
Ellen Shapiro, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Renee S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager
Michelle Wilson, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER: **Julia Ruffin, D.P.M. License No.: 0103-000708**
Case Nos.: 99845, 104220

PRELIMINARY MATTER: A Consent Order was presented to the Committee for approval in lieu of proceeding with the informal conference on behalf of the Commonwealth and counsel for Dr. Ruffin. Details of the matter were present to the Committee by Ms. Wilson.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. Shapiro, and duly seconded by Dr. Jadhav, the Committee voted to approve the Consent Order as presented. The Consent Order included Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and placed the license of Dr. Ruffin on indefinite probation subject to certain terms and conditions.

VOTE: The vote unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

This Consent Order will become effective upon endorsement by the Board of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent.

Sandra A. Bell, M.D., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:25 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra A. Bell, M.D.
Gopinath Jadhav, M.D.
Ellen Shapiro, D.P.M.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Reneè S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager
Michelle Wilson, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Elton L. Grant, M.D.** **License No.: 0101-045703**
Case Nos.: 105439, 105912, 106656, 108148, 108163, 110090, 110930, 11876

PRELIMINARY MATTERS: Dr. Bell advised that she knows Dr. Grant on a professional basis due to being a fellow practitioner. The other two (2) Board members and Dr. Grant noted any objections to Dr. Bell's continued participation in this informal conference.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Grant appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated March 27, 2007, and was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Grant.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Shapiro, and duly seconded by Dr. Jadhav, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Grant. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes, and Ms. Dixon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. Jadhav, and duly seconded by Dr. Shapiro, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law and voted to issue Dr. Grant a reprimand.

VOTE: The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Grant, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Grant, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

Sandra A. Bell M.D., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER:

A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roderick B. Mathews, Esquire, Chair
Sandra A. Bell, M.D.
Ellen Shapiro, D.P.M.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Reneè S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager
Michelle Wilson, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Ashokkumar R. Patel, M.D. License No.: 0101-038672
Case No.: 100915

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Patel appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated March 16, 2007. Dr. Patel was represented by Michael L. Goodman, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Patel.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Bell, and duly seconded by Dr. Shapiro, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Patel. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Dixon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. Bell, and duly seconded by Dr. Jadhav, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law and voted to issue Dr. Patel a reprimand.

VOTE: The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Patel, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr . Patel within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

Roderick Mathews, Esquire, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gopinath Jadhav, M.D., Chair
Sandra A. Bell, M.D.
Ellen Shapiro, D.P.M.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Reneè S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager
Nancy Walsh, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Shagufta Sajid
Patient A
Nancy Campbell
Warren Taggart
David Towerman

MATTER SCHEDULED: Syed H. Sajid, M.D. License No.: 0101-232717
Case No.: 112187

DISCUSSION: Dr. Sajid appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated April 3, 2007. Dr. Sajid was represented by Michael L. Goodman, Esquire.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Sajid.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Bell, and duly seconded by Dr. Jadhav, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Sajid. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Dixon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Bell, and duly seconded by Dr. Shapiro, the Committee made certain Findings of fact and voted to dismiss the matter.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Sajid, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Sajid within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

Gopinath Jadhav, M.D., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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